वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम): (क) और (ख) जी, हां। गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान बासमती और गैर-बासमती चावल के निर्यात के मात्रा और मूल्य के ब्यौरे निम्नलिखित हैं:—

मात्रा मि० टन में
मूल्य करोड़ रुपये मे

	1992-93		1993-94		1994-95 (अप्रैल, 94—जनवरी, 95)	
वस्तु		मूल्य	मात्रा	मूल्य	मात्रा	मूल्य
बासमती चावल	324790	800.64	536534	1030.95	389497	691.10
गैर-बासमती चावल	255619	174.96	268908	247.14	154175	144.49
कुल:	580409	975.60	805442	1280.09	548672	885.59

स्रोत: डी० जी० सी० आई० एंड एस०, कलकत्ता।

निर्यात का देश-वार ब्यौरे वाणिज्यिक जानकारी एवं सांख्यिकी महानिदेशालय, कलकत्ता द्वारा प्रकाशित मासिक बुलेटिन/वार्षिकांक में उपलब्ध है, जिसकी प्रतियां संसद-पुस्तकालय में उपलब्ध है।

(ग) और (घ) सरकार ने 1994-95 में बासमती और गैर-बासमती चावल के निर्यात का कोई लक्ष्य निर्धारित नहीं किया है, जबकि एपीडा ने 2.7 लाख मी० टन गैर-बासमती चावल के निर्यात का अनुमान लगाया था। अप्रैल, 1994 से जनवरी, 1995 की अवधि में 1.54 लाख मी० टन का निर्यात हुआ था।

(ङ) और (च) व्यापार की जानेवाली विभिन्न प्रजातियों, क्वालिटी में विभिन्नता और निर्यात के लिए ग्रेडिंग तथा पैकिंग पर आनेवाले अतिरिक्त व्यय के कारण अंतर्राष्ट्रीय और घरेलू बाजारों में प्रचलित कीमतों की सही-सही तुलना करना संभव नहीं है।

Proposal to Enhance Statutory Representation for Tobacco Growers

5866. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to enhance statutory representation for tobacco growers on the Tobacco Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that tobacco growers' problems are not fully ventilated in the Board; and

(d) steps proposed to enhance the number of tobacco growers on the Tobacco Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Section 4(4) of the Tobacco Board Act provides that upto six of the ten non-official members can be from amongst growers. This is adequate representation for growers to play an effective role in the deliberation of the Board.

News-item regarding Higher Imports than Estimates

5867. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Imports higher than ministry estimates" appearing in the 'Economic Times* dated 1st April, 1995;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Difference in estimates of imports, as well as exports, between DGCI&S and those of RBI has been there due to primarily source of data and coverage. To reconcile these, RBI had set up a Technical Group on Reconciling Balance of Payments and DGCI&S data on Merchandise trade. The Group has already submitted an Interim Report to the RBI and RBI have accepted the interim recommendations.

Steady Increase in Country's Exports

5868. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exports from the country are steadily increasing;

(b) if so, the rate of increase of exports during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that our exporters are not realising full value from their exports whereas importers of those items are selling them at a high price;

(d) whether it is a fact that the country's exports suffer a lot due to the fact that they are unbranded and due to absence of chain of marketing outlets in the importing countries; and

(e) if so, waht steps are under consideration of Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rates of increase of exports in US Dollar terms during the last three years have been:

	% Increase
1992-93	3.8
1993-94	20.0
1994-95 (P)	18.3

P=Provisional.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Government is making all efforts to promote new markets and products through Market Development Assistance and exhorts the trades and industry to build Indian brand names.

Per Capita Consumption of Foodgrains

5869. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state: '

(a) whether it is a fact that per capita consumption of foodgrains dipped from 510 gram in 1991 to 465 gram in 1993, whereas the stocks of foodgrains of Government swolled from 20.8 mt. to 26.35 mt. during the said period;

(b) whether it is also a fact that between December, 1991 and February 1994, price of cheaper grains at ration shops went up more than those for the costlier ones and the off-take of wheat from PDS during 1993-94 declines to half as compared to 1991-92; and

(c) reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) The per capita availability of foodgrains (cereals & pulses) based on net production after taking into account 12.5% for feed, seed and westage from the gross production was about 500 gram in 1991 against about 487 grams in 1993.

Comsumption of foodgrains depends on various factors such as varying pattern of consumption, availability of different foods including fish, mutton, eggs, fruits